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<b>Moussa YOUDIM et al</b>	)	Art Unit: <b>1625</b>
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Appln. No.: <b>10/534,357</b>	)	Examiner: <b>Z. N. Davis</b>
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For: <b>NEUROPROTECTIVE IRON</b>	)	<b>December 30, 2009</b>
<b>CHELATORS AND ...</b>	)	

**PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

The present communication is being filed preliminary to examination on the merits but is intended to supplement applicant's communications of December 22, 2009, and December 29, 2009.

It has been noted that the list of claims drawn to the elected species as set forth in applicant's response of December 22, 2009, was incorrect. The corrected list of claims directed to the elected invention and species is 1-5, 19-20, 38, 44, 52, 59, 60 and 109 (of which claims 1-5, 19-20, 38, 44, 60 and 109 are generic claims). The designation of "Withdrawn" claims in the listing of claims in applicant's preliminary

amendment of December 29, 2009, correctly reflects this new list.

Please consider the present communication in conjunction with applicant's Restriction Response of December 22, 2009, and Preliminary Amendment of December 29, 2009, when issuing a first Official Action on the merits with respect to this case. Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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